

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 6-9 are amended.

In reply to the July 23, 2002 Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 1 and 6-9, drawn to an organic light-emitting device, classified in class 257, subclass 40, with traverse.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1-9 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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## APPENDIX

## Changes to Claims:

The following are marked-up versions of the amended claims:

1. (Twice Amended) An organic EL device having a laminated film of at least two layers, the ~~device~~ laminated film comprising:

a hole injection/transportation layer that defines a first film formation region;

and

a light emitting layer that defines a second film formation region, which covers the first film formation region of said light emitting layer being equal to, or greater than, the film formation region of said hole injection/transportation layer.

6. (Amended) The organic EL device according to claim 1, ~~the device comprising wherein~~ the hole injection/transportation layer and the light emitting layer are disposed between a cathode and an anode, and wherein light traveling from the device emitted by the light emitting layer is output through the cathode side.

7. (Amended) The organic EL device according to claim 1, ~~the comprising a bank for defining the first and second film formation regions being partitioned by bank.~~

8. (Amended) The organic EL device according to claim 1, wherein corners of the first and second film formation regions being are rounded.

9. (Amended) The organic EL device according to claim 7, ~~the shape of wherein~~ the bank being has a rounded shape and defines the first and second film formation regions with rounded corners.